



NEWSLETTER *FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR C*
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

10TH FEBRUARY 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 11.30am Una Gilsean 1st Ann.; Andrew, Ellen & Patrick Doyle

Wednesday 9am

Friday 9am

Sunday 11:30am Richie & Niall O'Keeffe 1st Ann.; Margaret & Patrick Hill; Imelda Judge

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 6pm Florrie, Vinny & Brendan Sheils

Sunday 10am Valerie Murtagh 1st Ann.

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Saturday 6pm Missa pro populo

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 215.00 ST. BRIGID'S €380.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1213.50

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES 2019

The new Parish Envelope Boxes have been distributed. If you haven't already been registered for an Envelope Box, one can be picked up at the altar after Mass. For the first week please write your name and address on the envelope so as we can record and acknowledge your valued contribution.



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Isabelle Quinn, Karl Mehlhorn & Dayna Dillon-Malone



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Joseph's Tue. 1pm-9pm. & St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:
Special Diocesan intention of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm. Michael Carey, Phil Tiffit & Mary Leech. 10am. Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. *Minister of the Words:* 6pm. Lily Connaughton. 10am. Liz Naughton.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 11:30am Rose Mullen, Erica Hynes & Marie Leavy. *Minister of the Word:* 11:30am Marguerite McGauran.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE (CONFESSION) will be celebrated this week on Tuesday at 7pm in St. Brigid's Raharney and on Wednesday at 7pm in St. Joseph's Rathwire. Please keep the children and their families and teachers in your prayers. Never hesitate in seeking the grace of this Sacrament, especially if things on your mind are weighing you down. Seek God's sacramental forgiveness for our sins and go to confession. It does not matter how long it is since your last confession nor what you have to say! God's love and mercy expressed in this Sacrament is unconditional; He only waits for you to restore your relationship with him and those around you.



BLESSING OF HANDS On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick 11th February we acknowledge all carers, nurses, doctors and others who assist those in our community who are sick.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love. [] The Church reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved. [] Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as "creatures", before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life. Such an acknowledgement leads us to act responsibly to promote a good that is both personal and communal. Only if we see ourselves, not as a world apart, but in a fraternal relationship with others, can we develop a social practice of solidarity aimed at the common good. [] In light of the solemn celebration of this World Day for the Sick being celebrated in Kolkata in India, I would like to recall, with joy and admiration, the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – a model of charity who made visible God's love for the poor and sick. As I noted at her canonization, "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded... She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer. Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan. I express my gratitude and offer my encouragement to all those associations of volunteers committed to the transport and assistance of patients, and all those that organize the donation of blood, tissues and organs. One particular area in which your presence expresses the Church's care and concern is that of advocacy for the rights of the sick, especially those affected by pathologies requiring special assistance. I would also mention the many efforts made to raise awareness and encourage prevention. Your volunteer work in medical facilities and in homes, which ranges from providing health care to offering spiritual support, is of primary importance. Countless persons who are ill, alone, elderly or frail in mind or body benefit from these services. I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church's presence in a secularized world. [] I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian. I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others. With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Message of Pope Francis for the Twenty-Seventh World Day of the Sick 2019



JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES We congratulate all couples in the parish who this year 2019, are celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We honour this special milestone of sacramental married life for them, their families and our faith community. Happy St. Valentine's Day! Special wishes to those preparing to celebrate their wedding later this year.

PREPARATION OF ASHES FOR LENT Could you please bring to Mass next weekend any Holy Palms and Crosses kept in your homes since last Palm Sunday and place them in the basket at the altar. These will be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday 6th March.

<p>KILLUCAN S.V.P. Tel: 086-0706571 Check out St. Vincent's Shop</p>	<p>CHILD SAFEGUARDING See the church notice boards and diocesan website.</p>	<p>ACCORD For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie</p>	<p>VOCATIONS CORNER Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations</p>
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COMMUNITY NOTES

Cairde Line Dancing Classes starting on Monday 18th February at 8 p.m. in Rathwire Hall also Art on Tuesday mornings. To book a place call Anne 044 9374725. Pickleball continues on Mondays at 11a.m. and Pilates every Thursday at 7.30. Come and have fun.